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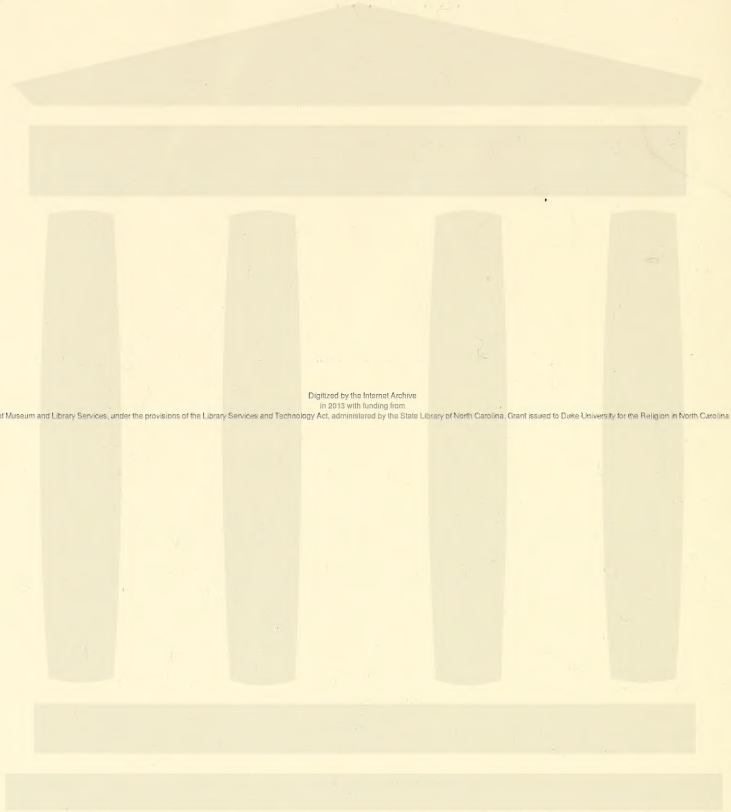

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Fall Meeting

October 15, 1935.

East Hanover Presbytery met in the Providence Forge Church at 10 A. M.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. W. T. McDonald, preached the opening sermon from Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," and Romans 15:1, "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

He also made the opening prayer.

The following members of the Presbytery were present:

Ministers—J. S. Albertson, Walter W. Bain, J. Blanton Belk, M. C. Bowling, H. T. Bridgman, D. T. Caldwell, William S. Campbell, W. L. Carson, George L. Cooper, T. K. Currie, N. L. Dennis, Joseph S. Duckwall, John B. Gordon, M. B. Heizer, J. Edwin Hemphill, William E. Hill, William E. Hill, Jr., Hugh Fitzpatrick, Jr., R. V. Lancaster, Richard V. Lancaster (2), Edward Mack, J. A. MacLean, Jr., A. Makovsky, H. A. McBath, W. T. McDonald, Charles A. McGirt, A. B. Montgomery, J. M. Murchison, Michaux Raine, Abner Robertson, D. P. Rogers, J. C. Shive, George C. Swedburg, Ernest Trice Thompson, Robert Turner, R. E. Watts, W. W. White, Marshall B. Wyatt—38.

Ruling Elders—Amelia Church, J. G. Jefferson, Jr. (2); Ashland, J. Hall Moore; Blackstone, R. F. Dillard; Bott Memorial, W. Boisseaux; Brett-Reed, W. S. Timberlake; Brunswick, J. F. Edmunds; Burkeville, Ewell Somers; Czechoslovak, Paul Opocensky; Fairfield, George L. Harris (2); Fairmount, R. L. Edwards; Fredericksburg, Charles A. Carmichael (2); Ginter Park, R. W. Roberts; Grace-Covenant, Dr. H. Stuart MacLean; Grove Avenue, Leslie E. Briggs; Hoge Memorial, Robert S. Sampson; Hopewell First, G. L. Spratley; Laurel, W. F. Stephenson; Milden, R. H. Cook; Mizpah, J. W. Ellis; Namozine, W. A. Reames; Petersburg Second, Sterling I. Bragg; Petersburg Third, E. H. Turnes; Providence, G. D. Hubbard; Providence Forge, J. E. Walls; Pryor Memorial, J. H. Shipp; Read Memorial, H. F. Hatcher; Richmond First, R. Massie Nolting; Richmond Second, Robert S. Gray; Richmond Third, W. E. Grigg; Roseneath, Dr. W. A. Plecker; St. James, Alex Campbell; Sandston, E.

S. Wood; Wesley Chapel, Richard Rose; West End, R. C. Good; Westminster, R. E. Monsell—36.

Ministers Excused—T. B. Anderson, J. W. Sherman, W. H. Stuart—3.

Missionaries Not Present—Percy W. Buchanan, W. McS. Buchanan, Lowry Davis, Juan Orts Gonzales, A. P. Hassell, W. A. McIlwaine, Plumer Smith, J. L. Stuart, E. D. Torres—9.

Ministers Not Present—A. Y. Beatie, G. C. Bellingrath, J. R. C. Brown, O. E. Buchholz, C. A. Campbell, S. O. Coxe, J. H. Cudlipp, A. J. Hodgin, T. M. Minor, E. B. Paisley, M. B. Porter—11.

Churches Not Represented—Aberdour, Bardwell, Bethany, Byrd, Bon Air, Campbell Memorial, Centralia, Chester, Colonial Heights, Drewry's Bluff, Emporia, Forest Hill, Fulton, Genito, Granite, Hawkins Memorial, Hebron, King's Chapel, Lakeside, Lawrenceville, Milford, Montrose, Nottoway, Overbrook, Porter Street, Samuel Davies, Tabb Street, Union, Woodlawn, Windsor Shades—29.

Total number of ministers—61.

Total number of churches—65.

(Note. A number in parenthesis, following a name, indicates the day of enrollment, after the first day.)

Organization: Rev. George C. Swedburg was elected Moderator, and Rev. Abner Robertson was elected Temporary Clerk.

Rev. M. W. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem Presbytery, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and was introduced to the Presbytery.

Program: The Program Committee presented its report fixing the hours for the sessions of Presbytery and it was approved.

Diamond Jubilee: A communication concerning the Diamond Jubilee of the Church was received from Rev. B. F. Tenny. The Moderator was directed to appoint a special committee to nominate a permanent committee on the Diamond Jubilee, to which this communication should be referred. (See committees appointed by the Moderator.)

A communication on this subject from Dr. E. D. Grant was referred to the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Rev. W. H. Stuart: A communication was received from Rev. W. H. Stuart presenting his reason for non-attendance on this meeting of Presbytery, and asking to be excused, and

requesting that he be allowed to labor outside of the bounds of the Presbytery until the next stated meeting of Presbytery. These requests were granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Stuart of the action of the Presbytery.

Rev. J. W. Sherman: A communication from Rev. J. W. Sherman, giving his reason for not being present at this meeting of Presbytery, and it was accepted.

Commissioners to the Assembly: The report of the commissioners to the General Assembly was read to the Presbytery, and was recommitted to the committee for further consideration.

Recess was taken until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 15.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

Rev. T. B. Anderson: A communication was received from Rev. T. B. Anderson, stating his reason for non-attendance at this meeting of Presbytery, and asking to be excused; he also asked permission to labor outside of the boundaries of the Presbytery until the next stated meeting. Both requests were granted.

Read Memorial Church presented a communication, asking permission to employ Rev. C. I. Calcote as stated supply until the next meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted.

Mizpah Church asked permission to employ Mr. Samuel F. Inman, a student at Union Theological Seminary as stated supply until the next meeting of Presbytery. The request was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Chester, &c.: Requests were received from Chester, Centralia and Drewry's Bluff Churches for permission to employ Rev. A. B. Montgomery as stated supply until the next meeting of Presbytery. The request was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Rev. John B. Gordon presented to Presbytery his resignation as pastor of the Richmond Third Church, and asked that the pastoral relation between him and the church be dissolved. The request was placed on the docket, and the church was cited to appear at a called meeting to be provided for to show cause, if it has any, why the request shall not be granted.

Presbytery, by a rising vote, expressed its regret at the decision of Mr. Gordon, to make the request, and expressed its appreciation of the good work he has done in that church and in the Presbytery.

Standing Committees: The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. W. T. McDonald, Rev. Michaux Raine, Dr. W. A. Plecker.

Finance—Rev. C. A. McGirt, Rev. J. S. Albertson, W. F. Stephenson.

Minutes of Presbytery—Rev. W. W. White, Rev. Abner Robertson, R. S. Gray.

Minutes of Synod—Rev. T. K. Currie, Rev. R. S. Turner, W. A. Reames.

Presbyterial Sermon—Rev. J. E. Hemphill, Rev. R. E. Watts, Rev. J. A. MacLean, Jr.

Courtesy—Rev. D. P. Rogers, Rev. J. S. Duckwall, Rev. H. A. McBath.

Time and Place of Next Meeting—Rev. M. B. Wyatt, Rev. W. E. Hill, Jr., E. S. Wood.

Nomination of Commissioners to the General Assembly—Rev. J. A. MacLean, Jr., Rev. W. W. Bain, R. M. Nolting.

Diamond Jubilee (Special Committee)—J. B. Belk, G. L. Cooper, R. V. Lancaster.

Adjourned Meeting: Presbytery decided to hold an adjourned meeting on November 4 at 10 A. M. at the Presbyterian Publishing House.

Stewardship Committee: The report of this committee was deferred until the adjourned meeting.

Next Meeting: The Grace-Covenant Church presented an invitation to Presbytery, asking it to hold its spring meeting with that church. It was referred to the Committee on Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

Spiritual Life: The Committee on Spiritual Life submits the following report:

Membership in the churches of the Presbytery	12,750
Sunday school enrollment	10,973
Baptisms, adult	199
Baptisms, infant	12
Elders	370
Deacons	464
Added on certificate	367
Added on confession of faith	428

Our Spiritual Life program was presented at the spring meeting of Presbytery. We present the above facts for your consideration and prayers. We urge our people to be much in prayer for a revival of religion in our Church.

George L. Cooper (Chairman), J. B. Belk, W. E. Hill, Jr., E. B. Paisley, H. A. McBath.

Presbytery requested this committee to make to the spring meeting of Presbytery suggestions of ways and means of rekindling the loyalty of the members of the churches to the services of worship, and of establishing more fruitful contacts with those who are not professing Christians.

The Third Church, Petersburg, presented a request for permission to employ Rev. M. B. Wyatt as stated supply until the next meeting of Presbytery. The request was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Presbyterial Budget: The Finance Committee presented the following budget to cover the expenses of the Presbytery, and it was adopted:

Printing Minutes	$ 500
Salaries	575
Assembly's Tax	775
Synod's Tax	144
Stationery and Printing	50
Stated Clerk's Expenses	250
Treasurer's Bond	25
Incidentals	181
	$2,500

GEO. L. COOPER, Chairman.

Moral and Social Welfare: The Committee on Moral and Social Welfare presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Moral and Social Welfare calls Presbytery's attention to the following facts, and suggests approval of the following recommendations:

1. Regarding the Sabbath. Attempts have been made and will continue to be made to liberalize our laws regarding the Sabbath, particularly in regard to commercialized amusements. We do not believe that the Church should seek to impose its own standards upon those who do not own the name of Christ. Nevertheless, the Sabbath day of rest has proved an inestimable blessing to all classes of our population. We cannot but view with alarm the growing tendency to convert what was once a Holy Day into a secular holiday. We call upon our own people to sanctify this day unto the Lord, and to seek above all other things to make it a day of moral and spiritual recreation through the public and private worship of God. Christian teachers and parents should recognize, however, that "there are natural differences in the interests and needs of children, youth and older people, and should seek" on this day, as on all others, "to provide a positive and challenging Christian program for the young".

2. Regarding Gambling. The National Conference for Legalizing Lotteries, Inc., is planning to introduce in the Legislatures of the forty-eight States this winter legislation which will make it possible to conduct lotteries under supervision for the benefit of hospitals and other institutions. Attempts will also be made this winter to legalize pari-mutuel betting in Virginia. We must recognize the very serious danger that legalized gambling holds both for the individual and the State. We urge our members, therefore, to study and carry out their obligations as Christian citizens in these very important matters, if and when they come before our State Legislatures.

3. Regarding Social Security. The Legislature will also consider this winter what provision, if any, the State, in cooperation with the National Government, should make for the social security of a large number of its citizens. We do not believe that it is the duty of the Church to endorse or to disapprove specific legislative proposals. We may insist, however, and we should insist, that the Christian ideal for society includes economic security for the sick, the aged and the unemployed, and we urge our members to consider carefully how this important goal may be attained.

4. Regarding Family Welfare. According to reliable estimates there are 175,000 families in Virginia at the present time whose

social and economic status places them in the class of peasants; 250,000 children who need specialized attention and care; another 3,500 who need but cannot obtain mental hygiene service; approximately 33,000 illiterates and approximately 56,000 children between the ages of seven and fifteen who are not attending school. If moral and spiritual delinquency is to be reduced the State should adopt a real program for the benefit of these needy classes. Special attention should be given also to the report of the State Child Conservation Committee, which states that Virginia has the third highest death rate from tuberculosis in the Southern States, and one of he highest in the Union; and that virtually all States, including all Southern States, are cutting down the death rate much faster than Virginia. The committee reports further that the case rate in Virginia is increasing rather than decreasing, and that the State provision for the control of this dread disease is not sufficient to prevent the further spread of infection.

5. Regarding Urban Negroes. Dr. W. A. Plecker, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, reports that the Negro population in Virginia cities is declining, the death rate exceeding the birth rate. He blames this high mortality of the Negroes in cities on poor housing conditions, a generally low standard of living, and a tendency of the race toward tuberculosis when living in too crowded quarters. If this be the case, it becomes the imperative duty of the white people of the State to see to it that the Negroes of Virginia secure better housing conditions and more adequate economic opportunities.

6. Regarding the Movies. It is generally agreed that there has been a decided improvement in the quality of pictures during the past year, probably due to the pressure exerted by the Legion of Decency. There is, however, as yet no new set up in the industry that will guarantee us against a return to the sins of the past in motion picture productions as soon as that pressure is released. Parents must continue scrupulous moral oversight of their children's attendance upon a means of entertainment which has such tremendous possibilities both for good and for evil.

7. Regarding Automobiles. The mounting toll of life and limb taken by the automobile is a matter of serious concern to us all. Some of the numerous accidents may be unavoidable, but the major portion are due undoubtedly to carelessness, to a selfish disregard of the rules of the road, to an insane desire for speed, and to liquor. It is a Christian duty to see that one's car is in proper working order, to drive carefully, and with due regard to the rights of others. It is criminal to drive a car while under the influence of alcohol. Walter R. Miles, Professor of Experimental Psychology, points out in "Alcohol and Man", that "the various movements of the body are not only somewhat slowed" by moderate doses of alcohol, "but

are also made more random in character and therefore less well adapted to the voluntary accomplishment of specific ends". "Alcohol accidents," he writes, "seem an avoidable loss if humans would generally recognize that alcohol anesthetizes and depresses the higher mental functions. The omnipresent motor car is, unfortunately, a mechanism through which the alcoholized brain and nerve centers of an even slightly intoxicated driver may function in a manner the more dangerous because it often passes unrecognized. . . . Alcohol taken without food in amounts not exceeding 30cc. or 24 gm. produces a sufficient depressive action in most people to interfere somewhat with various mental functions; vision is impaired; the field of attention is narrowed; mental associations are slowed; and even if sleepiness is not produced, the attentive consciousness tends to be so occupied with subjective feelings and thoughts that the individual is not easily aroused by the noises, lights or movements in his environment. In general, quite aside from the difficulties with voluntary muscular control, the slightly alcoholized person, driving on the highway, resembles in his behavior tendencies the absent-minded, much introverted individual found by test to be accident prone. A feeling of 'remoteness' from the outside world and the sense of being cozily wrapped up in their pleasant thoughts are not the ideal subjective states for drivers who mingle in the traffic with other drivers, most of whom expect quick perception and prompt responses on the part of persons whom they pass or meet. Highway traffic is conducted on a basis of mutual confidence which is by no means belief in the automobiles to drive themselves, but rather assumes integrity of mental and muscular habits on the part of normal drivers and entertains the profound wish that the mentally abnormal would keep off the road. . . . Because the partially inebriated driver is less ready in the use of his feet on the pedals and less expert in his foot control of the gas he is apt to try to control the car by movements with arms and hands only. He does not 'feel like shifting or slowing down'. He tries to pass other cars and usually succeeds, because sober drivers give way. But all the king's horses and all the king's men can't possibly change the positions of road curves, fences, telephone poles and railroad crossings often or quckly enough to meet the changing intentions of drivers who are under the influence of alcohol. Unless genuinely frightened or sharply checked by a sudden recognition of his responsibility, the person who has ingested alcohol has no adequate sense of his own status as a driver. . . . In the many situations where an accident could be avoided or made less serious by sudden realization and promptly coordinated action the driver with alcohol in his blood and brain is certainly at a dis-

advantage, and others on the road with him must unfortunately share in this disadvantage."

Because of the danger that even moderate drinking of alcoholic beverages has for the individual and for society we strongly urge upon all our members the consistent policy of total abstinence from all such drinks.

J. A. MacLEAN, Jr.,
R. V. LANCASTER,
E. T. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Assembly's Institutions: The Committee on Assembly's Institutions made the following report, and it was adopted:

Your Committee on Assembly's Institutions respectfully submits the following report:

The Mountain Retreat Association.

The conference season closing on September 1, 1935, was largely attended. The total attendance is estimated at approximately 18,000. For a complete report of the conference and of the Montreat College and High School see Minutes of Synod on "Assembly's Institutions".

The General Assembly in 1934, and also in 1935, accepted a proposition made by an individual to pay off an indebtedness of $41,000 against Assembly Inn, on condition that, if this debt were paid, $25,000 of this amount would be devoted to the erection of a building for the College and the Summer Conferences. The Assembly's Stewardship and Finance Committee was instructed by the Assembly to take steps to provide the fund with which to pay off the indebtedness.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the churches of the Presbytery be urged to give the Assembly their cooperation in raising the amount of $41,000.

2. That, in accordance with Assembly's and Synod's directions, June 2 be set aside as Montreat Day, on which offerings are to be received for the Association.

General Assembly's Training School.

The General Assembly in 1935, realizing the value of the Training School, and sensing its great need, took the following actions:

"That following the action of the 1934 Assembly, approving the appointment of some month, not later than 1937, within which the Assembly's Training School may place its work actively before every

congregation in the Assembly and call for special offerings', the month of April, 1936 only, be hereby appointed as Assembly's Training School Month" (Minutes of General Assembly, p. 58).

"That the Assembly warmly recommends to all members of the Church, to Women's Auxiliaries, to Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, generous and sacrificial contributions during this month, set by the Assembly for these special offerings" (Minutes of General Assembly, p. 61).

Recommendations.

1. That we call upon all pastors and members of our churches to cooperate most heartily with the Assembly in designating April, 1936, as Assembly's Training School Month, and we urge all pastors, congregations and organizations to advance this plan by studying the work of the school, praying for it, and contributing liberally to remove the present indebtedness during this month.

2. That we urge each congregation to send to Mr. George Call, Treasurer, P. O. Box 1924, Richmond, Va. (or to the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery), the full quota of benevolent offerings for this institution. The percentage is 1½ per cent of the Assembly's benevolences.

3. That we call the attention of our people to the Special January Short Term Courses, designed to meet the needs of voluntary workers and those paid workers now in the service, and commend them to their serious consideration as means of preparation for more efficient work.

4. That we commend to local churches the employment of the graduates of this school, as the churches have need for employed lay workers and the means to meet this need.

CHAS. A. McGIRT, Chairman.

Woman's Work: A verbal report was made by the Committee on Woman's Work, and it was received as information.

Religious Education: The Committee on Religious Education presented the following report, and it was adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Education presents the following report:

I. Bible Schools. Eight Vacation Church Schools were reported in the Presbytery during the past summer, six of these being conducted by Presbytery's workers. These latter schools were made possible by the generosity of certain individuals, together with an appropriation of $50 from Synod's Committee. Presbytery's Com-

mittee wishes to express appreciation to Dr. Plecker, Rev. D. P. Rogers, Mr. J. Scott Parrish, and certain members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond for their generous help in the work. We further express our appreciation to Miss Virginia Ingram, Miss Mary Vaught, and Miss Margaret Richeson for their splendid work in Bible School teaching.

There were originally eleven schools on the schedule for these workers, but, because of the paralysis situation, three of them had to be called off, and three more were cut short. The total enrollment for the schools of the entire Presbytery was 897. The total cost of schools conducted by Presbytery's workers was $170, a balance of $30 being left in the hands of the committee for use in next year's schools. The schools and their enrollments were as follows: Pine Grove, 68; Byrd, 57; Wesley, 39; Campbell Memorial, 28; First Czechoslovak, 56; Laurel, 54; Providence Forge, 52; Roseneath, 31; West End, 510.

II. Young People's Work. Your attention is called to the fast that the East Hanover young people are waking up. The League Council is planning and carrying out many helpful projects. The Training School held last month at the Second Church, Richmond, for leaders of young people was a tremendous success. Again we urge pastors and elders to encourage the young people to keep up the good work. Miss Bessie Meade Friend, of Petersburg, the President of the League, would appreciate any constructive suggestions you have to make.

Your committee requests the Presbytery to adopt the following recommendations:

I. That the Presbytery, in view of the tremendous advantages to be obtained to the Church through a Vacation Church School, urge each pastor and session or church to provide for such a school within the bounds of their church next summer.

II. In view of the fact that there are only ten out-post Sunday schools within the bounds of the Presbytery, we ask that the Presbytery instruct the chairman of this committee to communicate officially with the session of church or superintendent of each Sunday school, requesting them to consider the possibility or advisability of establishing one or more out-post Sunday schools, and further, that a reply to this communication be requested.

WM. E. HILL, JR., Chairman.

Dr. W. K. McCoy: A communication from Dr. W. K. McCoy, elder of the Gum Spring Church of West Hanover Presbytery, in regard to calling a pastor, was received, and it was placed on the docket.

Confession of Faith: The report of the Committee on the Confession of Faith was taken from the docket, but was replaced on the docket for further consideration.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send it to the chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Changes in the Confession of Faith, with the request that it be considered in the formation of its report to the General Assembly.

Hampden-Sydney College: Rev. J. E. Hemphill, president of the Board of Trustees of the institution, addressed the Presbytery in the interests of Hampden-Sydney College. The Presbytery thanked him for the address and pledged its support to the college.

Rev. E. D. Torres: The following committee was appointed to look into the status and work of Rev. E. D. Torres, a member of this Presbytery, who has not been heard from for several years: Rev. William S. Campbell, Rev. J. B. Gordon, Dr. W. A. Plecker.

Supply Pastors: It was directed that the men who are acting as supply pastors of the churches of the Presbytery be placed on the Presbytery's mailing list, so that they may receive the literature that they should have.

Diamond Jubilee: The Special Committee on the Diamond Jubilee made the following report, which was adopted:

> Your special committee on the selection of a Permanent Committee on the Diamond Jubilee recommends that the Presbytery appoint the following Permanent Committee on this subject: Rev. N. L. Dennis, Rev. T. K. Currie, Rev. W. W. White, John W. Friend, Albert S. Johnstone, C. F. Cole.
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> We also recommend that Presbytery hear Rev. D. T. Caldwell, chairman of the Synod's Committee on the Diamond Jubilee on this subject.

In accordance with this action, Mr. Caldwell addressed the Presbytery on the Diamond Jubilee.

Presbytery took recess until 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

October 15.

Presbytery reconvened at 8 P. M.

Presbyterial Sermon: Rev. John B. Gordon preached the Presbyterial sermon, according to appointment by Presbytery, on "The Priesthood of Christ", using as his text Hebrews 4: 14-16.

The Lord's Supper was then administered by Rev. Abner Robertson and Rev. H. A. McBath.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet tomorrow at 9 A. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 16, 1935.

Presbytery convened at 9 A. M. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. N. L. Dennis.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Visiting Brothers: Rev. J. C. Faw, of Norfolk Presbytery, and Rev. W. T. Baker, of Winston-Salem Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brothers.

Work in China: At the request of Presbytery, Rev. H. T. Bridgman addressed the Presbytery on his work in China.

Diamond Jubilee: A communication from Rev. Dr. H. H. Sweets concerning the Diamond Jubilee was referred to the Committee on the Diamond Jubilee.

Fred V. Poag: The commission on the installation of Candidate Fred V. Poag made the following report, and it was ordered recorded in the Minutes:

The Commission of East Hanover Presbytery, appointed to ordain Mr. Fred V. Poag as an evangelist, met in the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Va., at 10:30 A. M., June 9, 1935.

Present: N. L. Dennis (chairman), W. E. Hill, R. V. Lancaster, Robert S. Gray and S. B. Love.

Opened with prayer by Rev. R. V. Lancaster, who was appointed Clerk of the Commission.

Rev. N. L. Dennis preached the sermon from John 16:33, "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

After the sermon Mr. Dennis, as chairman, propounded the constitutional questions to Mr. Poag, which questions he answered in the affirmative, and Mr. Poag was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church by prayer and the laying on of hands.

Rev. W. E. Hill then delivered a charge to Mr. Poag and Rev. R. V. Lancaster a charge to the people.

Rev. Fred V. Poag then pronounced the benediction, dismissing the congregation.

The Commission then heard the Minutes read, and, having approved them, adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. E. Hill.

R. V. LANCASTER, Clerk.

Home Mission Church: The committee appointed to define a Home Mission Church presented its report, but it was recommitted for further consideration, and Rev. R. V. Lancaster was added to the committee.

Home Missions: The Committee on Home Missions presented its report, which contained the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the committee be authorized to ask for a special offering from the churches for Presbyterial Home Missions during the week January 19-26, 1936, this offering to be taken jointly with the Assembly's appeal in "Self-Denial Week" for Home Missions. The division of this offering shall be 60 per cent for Assembly's Home Missions and 40 per cent for Presbyterial Home Missions.

2. That the Home Mission Committee be authorized to borrow fifteen hundred dollars to meet its pay roll, if necessary.

Ashland Church presented a request for permission to employ J. Thompson Southall, a student of Union Theological Seminary, as stated supply until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

The request was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows:

Ministers—D. T. Caldwell, Abner Robertson, Edward Mack, J. M. Murchison; Alternates (1) T. K. Currie, (2) R. V. Lancaster, (3) D. P. Rogers, (4) E. T. Thompson.

Ruling Elders—D. K. Kellogg, E. S. Wood, Ewell Somers, R. E. Mountcastle; Alternates (1) Albert Clay, (2) B. F. Tillar, (3) J. McP. Lacy, (4) G. L. Spratley.

Next Meeting: The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting reported, recommending that the invitation of Grace-Covenant Church to hold its spring meeting with it be accepted, and recommending that the time be April 21, 1936, at 10 A. M. These recommendations were both adopted.

Calls and Supplies: The Committee on Calls and Supplies presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Calls and Supplies has had referred to it the following requests for the services of stated supplies until the spring meeting of Presbytery:

1. The written request of the Mizpah Church for the services of Mr. S. F. Inman.

2. The verbal requests on behalf of the Third Church, Petersburg, for the services of Rev. M. B. Wyatt.

3. The Chester, Centralia and Drewry's Bluff Churches for the services of Rev. A. B. Montgomery.

4. The Woodlawn Church for the services of Mr. H. R. Lowman until April 1, 1936.

We recommend that these requests be granted.

J. S. ALBERTSON, Chairman.

Samuel Davies Church: The commission appointed to visit Samuel Davies Church reported progress and asked to be continued. The request was granted.

Presbyterial Sermon: The Committee on Presbyterial Sermon asked permission to withhold its report until the adjourned meeting, and the request was granted.

Pole Green Communion Service: The Historical Committee made the following report, which was approved:

It is with pleasure that we report that the old communion service of the Pole Green-Salem Church has been placed for safekeeping in the Presbytery's locked depository of the Union Seminary Library. We are greatly indebted to the Rev. Robert Turner and Dr. I. K. Redd for securing the return of this historical service.

EDWARD MACK,
W. S. CAMPBELL,

Recess: Presbytery took recess until 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 16, 1935.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 P. M.

Courtesy: The Committee on Courtesy made the following report, which was adopted:

East Hanover Presbytery desires to record its appreciation of and its gratitude for the fine hospitality shown us by the pastor and congregations of this field. The general fellowship in the different homes and at the midday lunches is sweet indeed to us. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Resolved, That the pastor be requested to read these resolutions to the congregations interested.

D. P. ROGERS, Chairman.

Commissioners to the Assembly: The Commissioners of the General Assembly, as the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Commissioners to General Assembly faithfully attended its sessions, participated in its deliberations, and served on its committees.

We call the attention of the Presbytery to the following actions of the Assembly requiring the consideration of the Presbytery:

1. The Assembly sends down to the Presbyteries an amendment to the Book of Church Order with reference to ministers holding membership in Presbyteries of both the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., at one and the same time. (See Assembly's Minutes, page 45.)

We recommend that the Presbytery do not approve this amendment.

2. The Assembly sends down to the Presbyteries an amendment to the Book of Church Order, providing for the election of Commissioners for a term of two years. (Assembly's Minutes, page 44.)

We recommend that the Presbytery do not approve this amendment.

3. We recommend that the recommendation of the General Assembly, page 110, in regard to the Diamond Jubilee be approved and referred to the Special Committee on Diamond Jubilee for prosecution.

4. The attention of the Presbytery is called to the several recommendations of the Assembly for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee Year (Assembly's Minutes, page 110.)

5. That Presbytery accept the Jubilee tax and recommend it to the churches, and that the Treasurer of Presbytery see that it is presented to the churches.

WM. E. HILL, Chairman.

Minutes of Presbytery: The Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Minutes of Presbytery has examined the Minutes of the thirteen meetings of Presbytery held from November 6, 1933, through August 19, 1935, inclusive, and recommend their approval with the following exceptions:

1. At the fall meeting, 1934 (page 54), the Commission appointed to install Rev. C. A. McGirt as pastor of the Laurel Church is said to have "presented a report which was approved", but there is no record of the report in the Minutes.

2. The request of the Porter Street Church for permission to change the terms of their call is recorded on page 96 as having been referred to the Commttee on Calls and Supplies, whereas, action was taken on the floor of Presbytery on motion by Dr. Dennis, and this matter was **not** referred.

3. No report was recorded from the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery at the spring meeting, 1935. It is the opinion that all standing committees should render a report, if nothing more than to say they have no report to make.

4. No record was made of the resignation of Rev. M. B. Wyatt as chairman of the Auditing Committee, nor of the election of Mr. W. F. H. Enos to succeed him. This action was taken at the adjourned meeting of May 21, 1935.

5. Your committee would request the Stated Clerk to advise Mr. Enos of this omission and of his election as chairman of the Auditing Committee.

6. Your committee would further request the Stated Clerk to consider the feasibility of indexing the Minutes of Presbytery.

7. We also recommend that the Stated Clerk be commended for the systematic and orderly preparation of the Minutes.

8. Omission of names of those in attendance at the adjourned meeting on December 3, 1934.

W. W. WHITE,
ABNER ROBERTSON,
ROBT. S. GRAY.

Minutes of Synod: The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was deferred until the adjourned meeting on November 5.

Thompson Southall: A certificate was received from West Hanover Presbytery, dismissing Candidate Thompson B. Southall to this Presbytery. It was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

Overture to the General Assembly: The following overture to General Assembly was presented by Rev. William S. Campbell. It was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, to be reported on at the adjourned meeting.

East Hanover Presbytery hereby overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee, consisting of stated clerks, pastors and elders, to consider the whole subject of the reports of Sessions to the Presbyteries and of Presbyteries to the General Assembly and Synods, and to make suggestions, as it may deem wise, as to the matter to be contained in the reports, and as to the blanks to be used in making them.

WM. S. CAMPBELL.

Presbyterial Assessments: Mr. W. F. Stephenson, Presbyterial Treasurer, in accordance with the instruction of Presbytery, presented the following assessments on the churches for the expenses of the Presbytery, at 1.17 per cent of the total disbursements of the churches, and they were adopted:

Churches.	Disbursements.	Assessments.
Aberdour	$ 706	$ 8
Amelia	2,844	33
Ashland	1,948	23
Bardwell	12	1
Bethany	999	12
Blackstone	3,744	44
Bon Air	1,611	19
Bott Memorial	320	4
Brett-Reed Memorial	866	10
Brunswick	2,546	30
Burkeville	1,208	14
Byrd	311	4
Campbell Memorial	1,234	14

Centralia	270	3
Chester	618	7
Colonial Heights	768	9
Czechoslovak	807	9
Drewry's Bluff	982	11
Emporia	2,069	24
Fairfield	892	10
Fairmount	1,990	23
Forest Hill	2,510	29
Fredericksburg	7,299	85
Fulton	2,421	28
Genito	498	6
Ginter Park	30,042	351
Grace-Covenant	46,506	544
Granite	380	4
Grove Avenue	644	8
Hawkins Memorial	253	3
Hebron	853	10
Hoge Memorial	2,696	32
Hopewell	1,678	20
King's Chapel	135	2
Lakeside	3,345	39
Laurel	1,164	14
Lawrenceville	659	8
Milden	1,278	15
Milford	676	8
Mizpah	7,289	85
Montrose	1,042	12
Namozine	883	10
Nottoway	337	4
Overbrook	5,819	68
Petersburg Second	13,869	162
Petersburg Third	1,184	14
Porter Street	3,621	42
Providence	628	7
Providence Forge	934	11
Prior Memorial	3,079	36
Read Memorial	2,219	26
Richmond First	16,477	193
Richmond Second	28,158	329
Richmond Third	12,363	145
Roseneath	518	6
St. James	364	4
Samuel Davies	1,550	18
Sandston	1,619	19

Tabb Street	11,040	129
Union	320	4
Wesley Chapel	101	1
West End	1,944	23
Westminster	9,567	112
Windsor Shades	172	2
Woodlawn	1,296	15
Total	$256,175	$2,995

Assessments are figured to nearest dollar, with a minimum assessment of one dollar.

Presbyterial Taxes: The following paper, offered by Rev. J. B. Belk, was adopted by the Presbytery:

In view of the prolonged delinquency on the part of some few churches in our Presbytery, resulting in an almost unpayable accumulation of Presbyterial taxes, and in order that the strict policy of collecting these taxes in the future may be prosecuted with all our churches on an even basis; be it

Resolved, That all delinquent taxes prior to 1934 be cancelled, on condition that the churches that are delinquent pay up in full their taxes for the last year and this present year, before January first, nineteen thirty-six; be it

Resolved, That all churches that are delinquent in Presbyterial taxes on April first of each year be summoned before the spring meeting of Presbytery to explain such delinquency. This summons shall be issued by the Moderator upon advice of the Treasurer.

Adjournment: The Minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer and the benediction, to meet on November 4 at 10 A. M. in the Presbyterian Publishing House in Richmond.

GEORGE C. SWEDBURG, Moderator.
WM. S. CAMPBELL, Stated Clerk.
HUGH FITZPATRICK, Recording Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting

November 4, 1935.

Pursuant to adjournment, East Hanover Presbytery met at 10 A. M. with the Moderator, Rev. George C. Swedburg, in the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

The following members were present:

Ministers—G. C. Swedburg, D. P. Rogers, J. W. Sherman, N. L. Dennis, J. S. Albertson, A. B. Montgomery, Hugh Fitzpatrick, W. W. White, R. V. Lancaster, D. T. Caldwell, J. B. Belk, J. E. Hemphill, Edward Mack, T. K. Currie, Abner Robertson, Michaux Raine, Robert Turner, W. L. Carson, J. H. Cudlipp, J. L. Murchison, W. E. Hill, M. B. Wyatt, E. B. Paisley, William S. Campbell.

Elders—E. L. Faber, J. Hall Moore, Dr. W. A. Plecker, R. E. Monsell, L. E. Briggs, R. M. Nolting, R. S. Gray, W. F. Stephenson, E. D. Thomas.

Richmond Third Church: The request of Rev. John B. Gordon for dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the Third Church, Richmond, be dissolved, was taken from the docket, where it was placed at the fall meeting. The church was heard through one of its commissioners, Mr. W. R. Hill. He reported the church as agreeing with regret in the request for the dissolution of the relationship, to take effect on April 1, 1936, or at an earlier time, if Mr. Gordon should so desire.

The pastoral relation was dissolved in accordance with the request made.

The following committee was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant and to aid the church in securing another pastor: Rev. N. L. Dennis, Rev. T. K. Currie, R. S. Gray.

Rev. Herman J. Womeldorf presented a certificate of dismission from Lexington Presbytery. It was found in order and Mr. Womeldorf was examined in accordance with the instruction of the Book of Church Order. His examination was sustained as satisfactory. The Stated Clerk was directed to enroll him when he shall have signed the ministerial obligations.

A call from the Fulton Church for his pastoral services, promising a salary of $1,200 a year, was presented by the church. It was found in order, and was placed in his hands, and it was accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to install him pastor of the church: Rev. J. H. Cudlipp to preside and preach the sermon, Rev. Hugh Fitzpatrick to deliver the charge to the people, and Rev. J. S. Albertson to deliver the charge to the pastor; Ruling Elder, R. S. Gray.

Rev. Robert S. Turner presented his resignation as pastor of the Samuel Davies Church, that he might accept a call to a group of churches in West Hanover Presbytery. The church was heard through its representative, who said that the church united in this request, though it did so with regret. The request was granted and the pastoral relation was dissolved. The commission appointed at the fall meeting to visit this church was instructed to declare the pulpit vacant and to consult with and aid the church in securing another pastor.

Mr. W. F. Stephenson was added to this commission on Samuel Davies Church.

Mr. Turner, at his own request, was granted a letter of dismission to West Hanover Presbytery.

Division of Samuel Davies Church: Rev. Edward Mack offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

> Resolved, That the Commission, now working in the Samuel Davies field, be instructed to investigate and study the advisability of separating the different branches of that church into separate churches, each becoming an organized church, and if deemed wise to proceed so to separate and organize said churches, and that this Commission counsel and advise the Samuel Davies field, until such time as it shall have called a pastor or supply.

Minutes of the Synod: The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod presented the following report, and it was adopted:

> Your committee begs to report that the Minutes of the Synod of Virginia for 1935 have been examined, and have been found accurate and neatly printed.
>
> T. K. CURRIE, Chairman.

Candidate Thomas B. Southall was received on certificate from West Hanover Presbytery, and he was enrolled under care of this Presbytery.

Stated Supplies: Requests from churches for permission to employ stated supplies were received by the Committee on Calls and Supplies as follows, and we recommend that they be granted, the employment being permitted until the stated spring meeting on the recommendation of the committee:

From Roseneath Church, for the services of Mr. Otis Welsh, student of Union Theological Seminary; Bon Air Church, for Rev. E. G. Boyce; Fairfield Church, Mr. Clayton C. Crawford, student of Union Theological Seminary; Ashland Church, for Mr. Thomas B. Southall, student of Union Theological Seminary.

Stewardship: The Committee on Stewardship made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Stewardship recommends:

1. That Presbytery adopt the following budget for the year 1936-37:

For Assembly's Causes	$52,830
For Synod's Causes	17,100
For Presbytery's Home Missions	17,482

2. That Presbytery adopt the following apportionments for the year 1936-37:

Church.	Amount.
Abedour	$ 100
Amelia	800
Ashland	500
Bardwell	25
Bethany	175
Blackstone	1,500
Bon Air	700
Bott Memorial	75
Brett-Reed	150
Brunswick	250
Burkeville	200
Byrd	25
Campbell Memorial	225

Centralia	25
Chester	275
Colonial Heights	100
Czechoslovak	250
Drewry's Bluff	150
Emporia	500
Fairfield	100
Fairmount	200
Forest Hill	300
Fredericksburg	3,000
Fulton	120
Genito	100
Ginter Park	14,000
Grace-Covenant	15,000
Granite	200
Grove Avenue	150
Hawkins Memorial	75
Hebron	125
Hoge Memorial	200
Hopewell	200
King's Chapel	25
Lakeside	300
Laurel	175
Lawrenceville	125
Milden	200
Milford	150
Mizpah	1,000
Montrose	200
Namozine	200
Nottoway	50
Olivet	125
Overbrook	1,500
Petersburg Second	6,000
Petersburg Third	150
Porter Street	400
Providence	200
Pryor Memorial	600
Read Memorial	150
Richmond First	8,000
Richmond Second	14,000
Richmond Third	5,000
Roseneath	25
St. James	50
Samuel Davies	100
Sandston	275

Tabb Street	6,000
Union	50
Wesley Chapel	50
West End	125
Westminster	4,000
Windsor Shades	50
Woodlawn	25
Total	$89,095

3. That Presbytery adopt the following percentage schedule for the distribution of benevolent funds:

Foreign Missions	31½ %
Assembly's Home Missions	15½ %
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	7½ %
Religious Education and Publication	3 %
Assembly's Training School	1½ %
Bible Cause	½ %
Synod's Home Missions	2 %
Orphans' Home	4 %
Sunnyside Home	1 %
Massanetta Conferences	1 %
Union Theological Seminary	2½ %
Hampden-Sydney College	3 %
Mary Baldwin College	3 %
Virginia Presbyterian School	½ %
Synod's Religious Education and Student Work	2½ %
Presbytery's Home Missions	21 %
Total	100 %

4. That the churches be urged to take these apportionments seriously and accept them as a minimum goal, to be worked toward zealously.

5. That every congregation be urged to make a thorough Every-Member Canvass for all church benevolences, as well as local expenses, Sunday, March 8, 1936.

6. That every congregation be urged to designate Sunday, March 22, as "Pay-up Sunday", and that all members who had made no pledge be urged to make a cash contribution to the benevolent causes.

7. That the month of February be designated as a period of special education and preparation for the Every-Member Canvass.

That the Stewardship Committee be authorized to use whatever measures it may deem appropriate to stimulate the Every-Member

Canvass, and to visit the churches and confer with the congregations or the officers in connection with the Stewardship Campaign.

8. That Presbytery designate April, 1936, as "Assembly's Training School Month", in accord with the action of Synod, and that during that period a strong effort be made to raise $10,000 as a fair part of our obligation to liquidate the debt of $25,000 now resting on Virginia Hall.

9. That the second Sunday in October be observed in all our churches as Assembly's Training School Day, and on that day information be given about the school and special prayer in its behalf be offered.

10. That the Belmont Covenant Plan be recommended to the churches as an effective method of church finance.

11. That Rev. N. L. Dennis be re-elected Secretary of Stewardship.

12. That our people be informed that Presbytery is now incorporated and can receive bequests and trust funds for all benevolent causes, and that the Stewardship Committee has now in mind some needs in our Presbytery, where endowments and gifts could be used to great advantage in the Kingdom of God. We request that our pastors be asked to give publicity to these facts.

13. That this committee be authorized to carry out, as far as possible, the objectives of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration in so far as they relate to the work of the Stewardship Committee.

J. B. BELK, Chairman;
W. E. HILL,
W. L. CARSON,
D. T. CALDWELL,
D. P. ROGERS,
M. B. WYATT,
HERBERT JACKSON,
W. R. HILL,
W. W. WOOD.

Presbytery directed its Treasurer to pay to this committee $25, or as much of that amount as will be needed for its expenses.

Presbyterial Sermon: The Committee on Presbyterial Sermon presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Presbyterial Sermon recommends that the subject for this sermon at the spring meeting be "The Bible, the Authority for Our Faith".

That the preacher be Rev. T. K. Currie, with Rev. M. B. Porter as alternate.

Trustees: The committee appointed to print the Constitution of the Trustees of the Presbytery reported that this had been done, and presented 400 bound copies. The action of the committee was approved, and the reports were placed in the hands of Rev. N. L. Dennis, to be distributed in accordance with his judgment.

Adjournment: The Minutes were read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned with the singing of a hymn and the doxology, and with prayer.

GEORGE C. SWEDBURG, Moderator.
WM. S. CAMPBELL, Stated Clerk.

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